

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I'd appreciate your help a little bit. If you care to vote, please do so. Adoption of the committee amendments. Members of the Legislature, I need a little help. If you care to vote, please do so. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, all this bill does is change the judgment rate that currently we have. The rate on postjudgment interest is tied to a penalty for nonpayment of taxes in a different section of law. This would allow us to have it in the same section of law as the judgments. It would tie it to the T-bill rate, the rate that you are all familiar with. We use it as a component of the ag land valuation computation. Again, it was adopted as an amendment to a bill last year. The body found that there was no problem at that time. I would urge the adoption of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: A question of Senator Hall, Mr. President, if he would yield.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Just for my own edification, Senator Hall, I believe that you said that 298 is a postjudgment interest bill as opposed to prejudgment.

SENATOR HALL: That is correct.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Inasmuch as I have a long and abiding interest in prejudgment interest bills, would you suggest, Senator Hall, if the bill does move to Select File that this would be an opportune time, or do you have any personal interest, I should say, in amending the bill to